



PARTNERS FOR CLEAN AIR

End of the Year Report

January 11, 2002

Congratulations Partners!

It has been another successful year. The U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA) approved Indiana's Plan to attain the one-hour health standard for ozone in Lake and Porter Counties. The State's Attainment Demonstration, submitted to EPA on December 21, 2000, demonstrated that its plan meets all the Clean Air Act requirements and will bring Lake and Porter counties into attainment for the one-hour health standard for by 2007.

2001 Award Recipients

BP Whiting Business Unit

Outstanding Commitment Award

BP Whiting Business Unit made an outstanding commitment to supply 3,500 gas caps for Northwest Indiana's "Free Gas Cap" Program. The Free Gas Cap Program provides a replacement cap for autos that fail the gas cap portion of the vehicle inspection and maintenance test.

Clean Air Car Check

Outstanding Commitment Award

Northwest Indiana's Clean Air Car Check made an outstanding commitment to support and administer the "Free Gas Cap" Program. Nearly all the 3,500 gas caps have been distributed through the Clean Air Car Check Inspection and Maintenance test stations.

Lauri Harvey

Media Support Award

Environmental Writer, The Times

Lauri made a notable contribution to public awareness during the 2000 and 2001 Ozone Season. Ms. Harvey released feature stories covering the ozone season and educational tips on reducing ozone formation.

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

Working with the Department of Justice, the State of Indiana helped negotiate a Consent Decree with BP for numerous alleged environmental violations at various BP facilities throughout the United States. Under the September 2001 Decree, BP will pay the federal government a monetary settlement and has agreed to make several upgrades to air pollution control equipment at their refineries. Indiana is the only State

NEW PARTNER MEMBERS

Advance Municipal Equip. Inc.

Advance Industrial Svc., Inc.

Central Teaming Company

Elaine Estridge Enterprises

Furnco Construction

G & B Trucking Inc.

Hunter Corporation

International Mill Service

Kenny Industrial Services

Kvaerner Songer, Inc.

Radio One Communications

Safety Kleen

Shirley Heinze Env. Fund

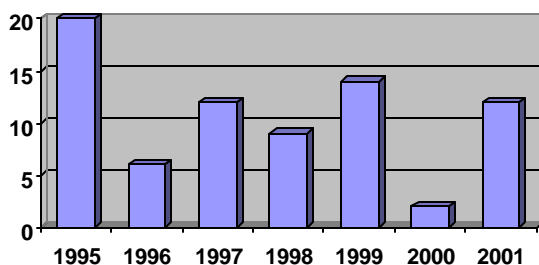
Transite Heating & Air Conditioning

amongst the parties to receive a portion of the settlement. IDEM will help the State allocate \$500,000 to monitor and reduce VOCs in Northwest Indiana. By spring 2002, IDEM will meet with various constituents to discuss possible projects.

2001 Northwest Indiana Ozone Action Days

Number of Ozone Action Days Since Program Began in 1995

1995 – 20	1997 – 12	1999 – 14	2001 -12
1996 - 6	1998 – 9	2000 – 2	



Each day during the summer, IDEM collects air quality data from a network of air monitoring stations throughout Northwest Indiana. Meteorologists study the weather to determine if conditions are right for ozone formation.

1-HOUR EXCEEDANCE

August 7, 2001

Michigan City

139 ppb

*The National Ambient Air Quality Standards, set by the U.S. EPA, established a one-hour health standard for ground-level ozone of 125 ppb.

Eight-Hour Health Standard Readings

The following chart provides readings for this past season and the previous two years. EPA's standard relates to the fourth highest reading from every monitor each year. The eight-hour health standard is 85 ppb.

County	Monitor Site	1999	2000	2001
Lake	Gary ITRI	94	75	83
	Hammond	95	86	90
	Lowell	90	75	77
Porter	Ogden Dunes	101	85	85
	Dunes National Lake Shore	102	73	82

	Valparaiso	91	82	77
LaPorte	Michigan City	88	80	90
	LaPorte	86	74	79

UPDATES & HELPFUL WEBSITES ENHANCING THE OZONE PLAN

Updates

The Asthma Initiative for Risk Reduction will join Partners for Clean Air at the fairs held this summer. Upon completion of their website, A.I.R.R. will provide a link to the Partners for Clean Air's website.

Welcome Jerry Davich from the Times of Northwest Indiana.

He's taking over the environmental beat for Lauri Harvey. He did an excellent story regarding ozone on November 11, 2001.

Farewell & best wishes to our 2001 Media Support Award recipient,
Lauri Harvey. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

WEBSITES

Energy Star

www.energystar.gov

Energy Star Buildings reduce operating costs, create a more productive, comfortable environment, and control energy usage.

Natural Landscaping

www.epa.gov/glnpo/greenacres/toolkit/index.html

www.energy.ca.gov/coolcommunity/strategy/coolpave.html

Planting a variety of shade trees and low shrubs creates a landscape that combats erosion while reducing water usage.

Environmentally Safe Cleaning Products

www.shaklee.net/lee

www.westp2net.org/janitorial/jp4.html

Safe cleaning products will reduce the effects of aerosols, toxic fumes and hazardous substances.

SURVEY

The 2001 surveys were distributed on September 24th & 25th. The survey provides updated info concerning your future ozone plans, so please respond. If you need a copy, I would be happy to email/fax a copy.

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VOC Paints

www.aqmd.gov/business/brochures/paintguide.html

Low-level VOC paints preserve air quality at a reduced cost.

VOC Paving

www.epa.gov/upptintre/epp/pdfs/eppdod1.pdf

Low-impact paving reduces smog forming emissions from paving roads, fire lanes, parking lots, and other surfaces with asphalt.